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In Re Patent Application of: :
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Title: **IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS**

AMENDMENT

The following Amendment is submitted in response to the non-final Office Action dated September 29, 2005. This amendment is being timely filed in view of a Petition for Extension of Time (two months, to and including February 28, 2006) under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), filed herewith. Please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application, without prejudice, as follows.

Amendments to and Listing of the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.